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## Extracts.

**EXTRACTS.**  
*Spiritualism and its Recent Critics.*  
 (From the "Quarterly Review.")

"That the 'killing' of a table in response to questions put to it, is attributed by the Spiritualists to the 'lifting of its leg,' as if the table itself stood still— is due to the downward pressure of the hands laid upon it, may then be assumed as self-evident *until the contrary shall have been proved.* And those who affirm that it is produced, not by muscular, but by 'spiritual' or 'psychic' agency, are bound to show that the pressure is exerted, not toward pressure is exerted. Nothing would be easier than to construct an apparatus for detecting *vertical* pressure by the movement of its index, in the same general plan as Faraday's 'indicators' for the lateral pressure; and yet no one, so far as we are aware, has even attempted thus to show that the verdict of common sense is erroneous. It has, indeed, been gravely asserted by a lady of unimpeachable veracity, that a table in her own house, with no person being near it, on being asked her age, 'lifted up its leg and struck forty-two,' the correct number of years; a result which she appealed her, that she sold the table forthwith. But on our hinting a doubt as to the truth of this statement, she replied, 'I happened some years previously, she promised to consult some notes she had made at the time; and a few days afterwards she honestly told us that there was one trifling mistake in our previous account; for that she and her friends, instead of being, as she had thought, on the other side of the room, had actually been on the same side of the table and had tripped out her age, and that she had parted with a piece of furniture which could not be permitted to keep so important a secret, remained on record. That the answers obtained through the medium of tables, planchettes, &c., reflect the mental state, either of the questioner, or of some person connected with the questioner, is assumed as a general fact. We have ourselves witnessed some amusing instances of it. Several years ago we were invited, with two medical friends, to a very select *séance*, to witness the performance of a lady, the Hon. Miss N.—, who was described to us as a peculiarly gifted medium; not merely being a 'clever character,' but being able to convince incredulous philosophers like ourselves of the reality of her 'spiritual' gifts by 'physical' manifestations of the most unmistakable kind. Unfortunately, however, the Hon. Miss N.— was not in great force on the occasion of our visit; and nothing would go right. It was suggested that she might be exhausted by the exertions she had taken place on the previous evening; and that the spirits should be asked whether she stood in need of refreshment. The question was put by our host (a wine merchant, but it is observed); who repeated the alphabet *rapidly* until he came to N, and then went on *slowly* the table tilted at P. The same process was repeated several times, and the lady, who had been asked to R, O, R, T. But this was not enough. The spirits might prescribe either port or port wine and the alphabet was then repeated *slowly from the beginning*, a prolonged pause being made at E; as the table did not tilt, a bumper of port was administered 'as directed.' It did not, however, produce the expected effect, and *thereupon*, was asked to fall back on the alphabet, and then to repeat the alphabet *very slowly from the beginning*, a prolonged pause being made at E; as the table did not tilt, a bumper of port was administered 'as directed.' 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1402 Hongkong, 27th July, 1870.

**NOTICE.**

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**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.**  
1753 Hongkong, 1st October, 1870.

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1569 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

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**GILMAN & Co., Agents.**  
437 Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

## Insurances.

**Insurance.**

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of 266, Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
SAN FRANCISCO.  
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of 273 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1867.

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Secretaries.  
of 1069 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

**SABA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates. RUSSELL & Co.  
of 1023 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

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Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st November, 1871.

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Secretaries.  
of 557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

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Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 3 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 6 do. do.  
Above 6 months the full annual rate.  
Agents, *GILMAN & Co., Agents,*  
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company,  
of 896 Hongkong, 7th April 1863.

**NOTICE.**

**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz—  
Not exceeding 10 days, 1 of the annual rate  
Not exceeding 1 month, 2 do. do.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 3 do. do.  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 4 do. do.  
Above 6 months the full annual rate.  
Agents, *NORTON, LYALL & Co.,*  
of 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this Port, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £100,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored there. NORTON, LYALL & Co.  
of 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

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REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
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Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Agents *GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,*  
of 364 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Other dwelling Houses removed strictly as such, and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Agents, *GILMAN & Co., Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company,*  
of 686 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

**NOTICE.**

**FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz—**  
Not exceeding 10 days, 1 of the annual rate  
Not exceeding 1 month 2 do. do.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 3 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 4 do. do.  
Above six months the full annual rate.  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,**  
Agents, *Alliance Fire Insurance Company,*  
of 678 Hongkong, 20th August, 1866.

**PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored there. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
of 737 Hongkong, 18th November, 1868.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored there. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
of Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

**NOTICE.**

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz—  
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns and their contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Risks by Special arrangement.  
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz—  
Not exceeding 10 days 1/10th per cent.  
Not exceeding 1 month 1 per cent.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 3 do. do.  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 4 do. do.  
Above 6 months the full annual rate of 1 do. do.  
Agents, *ROBERTS, WALKER & Co.,*  
of 1763 Hongkong, 13th September, 1869.

**LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
of 471 Hongkong, 5th March, 1869.

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